

Community Reference Panel | 6 Dec 2022

It was wonderful to meet Panel members on the hospital site for our end of year wrap up. We were pleased to also have members of the South Sea Islander Community Stakeholder Committee as well as the Northern NSW Local Health District's Community Advisory Groups from Tweed and Murwillumbah join us.

The agenda for this meeting included a review of 2022, Arts and Culture program update and a Tweed Valley Hospital project update. The meeting was followed by a site walk of the ground and lower ground floors, then back to the office for lunch.

2022 in review

This was a big year for the project, with key events including:

- MAY - GARDEN | Healing together workshops (>500 people reached)
- JUN - Community Open Day (>2500 attendees)
- AUG - 'Top out' – structural completion event (Ministerial event with Welcome by Uncle Victor)
- SEP - Health Hub construction commencement
- NOV - Try a Trade event (230 students from >12 local schools)

As well as...

- Community presentations (>20)
- Staff site tour program (>375 staff toured the hospital site)
- Art and culture program (25 artists engaged in primary, secondary and dedicated Aboriginal artworks)
- Green travel plan – Safe and accessible ways to get to the new hospital, including public and active transport
- Future of the Tweed Hospital site - working group formed and due diligence investigations underway.

Arts and Culture program update

- **GARDEN | Healing together** - following the very successful community engagement program, Hiromi incorporated all of the community 'Seedlings' into the prototype for the sculpture, which is being cast in aluminium. Once the casting is complete it will be hand painted and embellished with textile elements. The final sculpture is due to be installed in around July next year.
- **Secondary artwork program** - The 17 local artists have been signed up and are programmed to deliver their works by early-mid next year.
- **Dedicated Aboriginal art allocations** – The artists have all accepted their commissions and have viewed their various spaces (lift lobbies, external courtyards, 30m corridor wall, Indigenous meeting room) at an artist briefing that was held yesterday (5 December) on the hospital site.
- **Main entry Aboriginal welcome** – the four artists invited to participate in a competitive concept design process for this prominent public artwork have accepted the opportunity and will provide their designs in late January.
- **South Sea Islander park** – A map of the island nations is being created and will be positioned at the heart of the reflection garden. This is the final design element. In the new year, discussions will begin on how the community can be involved in the re-creation of the walls on the hospital site, as well as naming of the space and events to celebrate the opening.

- **Language translation endorsement** – Aboriginal cultural interpretations have been endorsed by the Aboriginal Community Working Group and the list has now been provided to the Wayfinding consultants.

Tweed Valley Hospital opening - your thoughts invited!

Suggestions were invited on what you would like to see for the opening of the Tweed Valley Hospital. It was queried whether another Community Open Day will be held prior to the opening of the Hospital; and the project team advised that this is currently being discussed with the Northern NSW Local Health District.

Project update presentation

The group were shown the project update presentation for community groups, which has been updated recently to reflect the progression of the project as well as areas of interest expressed by community members in various forums.

The focus has shifted from the construction of the hospital to the health services it will deliver; and other amenities that it will provide, such as the retail shop and the café. An overview of the outdoor spaces is also included, as this has been a key area of interest, as well as the Arts and Culture program and the future of the Tweed Hospital site.

Construction update

- The hospital is on track for completion in mid-2023 and opening to patients in Nov 2023
- The hospital façade will be complete by end of this year
- The internal fit out is the focus of construction activity, with these trades making up the majority of the 450+ workforce on site each day
- Construction of the multi-deck car park is well underway, with the structure on track to reach full height by Feb 2023
- Construction commenced for the Health Hub buildings in Sep, due for completion mid-late 2023
- Tweed Coast Road intersection upgrade works are underway and due for completion in early-mid 2023

Thank you for your continued interest in the Tweed Valley Hospital project! We are very grateful for your time and commitment to working together to achieve the best possible outcome for the community.

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season!

Our next meeting will be held in March/April 2023.

Please feel free to contact Linda with any questions or feedback in the meantime.

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Top: Group photo standing in the main entry lobby

Bottom left: Standing in the LINAC bunker, with concrete walls over 1m thick

Bottom right: Taking a look around the gym area in the Outpatients department on the ground floor